

sufferings of hermits and martyrs were
all in vain,
for God was an easy and amiable
God who
delighted not in such things. Such
doctrine,
heard with, delight by some, held as a
gospel by a
few, stamped Abelard for such men as
Bernard as
neither more nor less than a pagan, an
intellectual
anarchist, a deadly leveller of Free Will,
Authority,
Papa! and clerical power. Bernard here
at Sens
opened his attack with a text true to
every thought
of his mind, "The Lord is my helper, I
will not
fear what man can do unto me," But
Abelard
was already old broken and no
longer an
to be he quitted the
Council on
the day, Bernard's eloquence
procured a
condemnation of the absent man;
Abelard's
career was over and he retired to die
within two
years at St.-Marcel near Chalons.
A second time Bernard became a man
of action
when he built up the nine-years'
coalition against
AnacletUB and 'Roger and ended the
schism in the
Church* A third time he drew the
eyes of all
Europe upon him when he launched
the Second
Crusade upon the Bant, Each was a
righteous
from which the humble-hearted and
diffident
monk dare not shrink.
In the autumn of 1130, the German

Church was
for Innocent by the action of Walter,
Archbishop of Ravenna Conrad, of
Salzburg, and
Norbert of Magdeburg, In France
there was
little opposition, Bernard the
summoning
of a Council to and there, on
January